

think you should as well. I think the proper motion at this time is to refer the bill back to committee and I support the McFarland motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We have some guests in the north balcony. Senator Landis has 20 fifth grade students from St. Patrick's in Lincoln and their teacher. Would you please welcome them to the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Morehead, then Senator Hefner, please. Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President and colleagues, you know, we're not any of us so naive in here as to know why the motion to return to committee. I, obviously, oppose that motion to return to committee because it is far easier for those forces lobbying against this bill to block this legislation up in committee. It's a lot easier to work on a few committee members than it is on 49 people out here and that's what's...I don't care if it Senator Chizek's Chairmanship, nevertheless it is a fact of life and we all know that because we all work in this arena. So to put it back in committee is simply going to subject this legislation to exactly where the opponents want it, to allow those few members in committee to be pressured to hold it there. We also know that this is a short session and even greater is the likelihood that it will never see the light of day. The opponents have successfully held this legislation in committee so that all of us could not discuss it. Now to think that we aren't going to go through amendments and open discussion of the issue is folly because it will have to go through that. We all recognize that out here on the floor but that's what we are here for, that's what it's all about. I propose to you that this legislation needs to stay on the floor of the Legislature. It needs to be subjected to this until we do determine the will of 25 people here, and all of the rules will be applied and all of the maneuvering will be applied and all of the philosophy will be applied and that's what it's all about. But to return it to committee does not accomplish the openness that I believe we should have on tough medical ethical issues. Medical ethical issues are difficult and we are facing them increasingly more in our society and we must face them. Now, Senator McFarland is going to question exactly how each doctor is going to apply every decision that he makes and I think that that's probably appropriate. But Senator McFarland isn't a doctor and I don't believe that as attorneys we can define every little item, we can't tighten it down exactly but we can adopt model legislation